

2700 Summer Camp Jobs Open

As spring approaches, J. William Belanger, director of the Division of Employment Security, urges teachers and college students to apply for summer camp jobs at the Division's Boston Professional Office at 31 St. James Avenue in the Park Square Building. College students who are outside the Boston area may apply for these summer jobs at the employment security placement office nearest their home.

We have on file right now requests from camp owners to fill 2700 summer jobs, Belanger said, "now is the best time to apply."

Included in the job openings are positions for camp directors, counselors, arts and crafts instructors, nurses and dieticians. Teachers and college students qualified in these specialties are in demand.

The applicant who files for one of these jobs now is sure to find a wide variety of choice openings still available, according to Belanger.

There are positions in youth camps throughout New England. Most are in resort areas of Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont.

Last year, several hundred students found such jobs through the special summer camp unit in the Park Square office of the Division of Employment Security.

Al Durant Wins WMEC Prize

Western Mass. Electric Company announced today that Mr. Al Durant of 1092 North Street, and a member of the Agawam Sea Scout Ship #1, was the winner of the 16 ft. Old Town Canoe which was awarded by Northeast Utilities Service Co. and New England Electric System in conjunction with the "Power and Pleasure" exhibit at the Massachusetts Sportsmen's Show.

The exhibit, which attracted thousands of show guests, was devoted to the extensive recreation developments both proposed and in operation by the two investor owned utilities along the Connecticut River.

Northeast Utilities displayed the 9-acre recreation development proposal in connection with the \$70 million pumped storage hydroelectric facility atop Northfield Mountain in Franklin County. The 13 picnic and boating areas operated by New England Electric System along the upper Connecticut River and its tributaries were also displayed.

Permission to build the one million kilowatt Northfield facility has been requested from the Federal Power Commission and hearings on the application were concluded in January of this year. Northeast Utilities now awaits the Federal Power Commission decision to begin construction.

BAPTIST WOMEN TO HAVE COVERED DISH SUPPER

The United Women's Fellowship of the First Baptist Church of Agawam will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 1967 at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship House. Mrs. Norman Jenks, who is hostess for the Covered Dish Supper, reminds each woman to bring a casserole dish or a salad.

A Love Gift Devotional Service will be conducted by the Lamp-lighters Circle under the direction of Mrs. Frank Meyer. Mrs. Robert Geiger, program chairman, announces that the speaker for the evening will be Mr. Leighton S. Cheney, director of the Protestant Youth Center in Baldwinville, Mass. Mr. Cheney will explain the work that is being done at the center to aid mentally disturbed young women.

All women in the church are members of the Fellowship and are invited to attend these meetings. Clothing for the Mather School in Beaufort, S.C., should be brought in at this meeting.

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The Agawam Junior Women's Club will hold its annual semiformal dinner dance for members and guests, April 8, at Betty's Towne House. A cocktail hour at 6:30 will precede the smorgasbord at 7:30. Dancing to the music of the Tri-Tones will follow.

Shown in the picture making a last minute check of the guest list is, from left to right, Mrs. Daniel L. Molta, dance chairman, and Mrs. Rene Thomas, co-chairman.

50th Anniversary of First World War for America

It was 50 years ago this Thursday, April 6, that the United States entered the war "to make the world safe for democracy."

It had been coming for a long time.

"The war stirred American feeling tremendously," says World Book Encyclopedia. "Strong ties bound the nation to Great Britain, France and Belgium, although some Americans sympathized with Germany and Austria-Hungary."

"Economic factors soon strengthened the country's sympathy for the Allies. The United States had developed a profitable trade with the British and French," the Encyclopedia continues.

Stories of German atrocities in Belgium inflamed the Americans. The sinking of the LUSITANIA in 1915 -- when 128 Americans were among the nearly 1,200 killed -- helped move the U.S. toward war. German saboteurs were active. On January 31, 1917, Germany proclaimed unlimited submarine warfare and the United States broke off diplomatic relations.

In March, the State Department released the infamous Zimmerman Telegram -- an intercepted message in which Germany proposed that Mexico attack the United States.

On April 2, 1917, the 65th Congress met for the first time. President Wilson went before a joint session at 8:30 that evening.

He said the Imperial German government, like all autocracies, was a natural foe of liberty. Therefore, "The world must be made safe for democracy."

He asked Congress to declare war. "The day has come when America is privileged to spend her blood and her might for the principles that gave her birth and happiness and the peace which she has treasured. God helping, she can do no other."

The chamber broke into cheers and applause. Later, at the White House, Wilson said, "Think of what it was they were applauding. My message of today was a message of death for our young men."

How strange it seems to applaud that."

Several members of Congress had withheld their applause. Sen. James K. Vardaman of Mississippi and Sen. Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin argued long against the war, and were among the six senators who voted "nay" on the roll call.

In the House of Representatives, the first woman ever elected to Congress, Jeanette Rankin of Montana, said, "I want to stand by my country, but I cannot vote for war. I vote 'no.'"

Miss Rankin, a pacifist, served only two terms in Congress. It was during her second term, on Dec. 8, 1941, that she became the only member of Congress to vote against war with Japan.

Voting in the House concluded at 3:12 a.m., April 6, Good Friday. The vote was 373 to 50, and the United States had entered the Great War.

The country was almost totally unprepared. It would be October before American troops could fire a ceremonial "first shot" at the Germans; November before the first Americans would die in battle. And the Yanks would use British- and French-built airplanes, trucks, tanks, cannon, machine guns, automatic rifles.

Before the end, there would be more than 2 million Americans overseas. There would be more than 325 thousand casualties, including 116,516 dead -- blown to bloody fragments in a trench, machine-gunned in the barbed wire, choked by poison gas.

Later, the United States would try to turn its back on Europe, try for 20 years to pretend that the problems of the world were not those of America.

It was 50 years ago this Thursday that the United States took upon itself the problems and responsibilities of world power -- problems and responsibilities we have not since been able to avoid.

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The ALA says drivers who lose their heads often cause others to lose their lives.

Sen. Hammond Says Letters Are Needed To Pass His Bills

WESTFIELD -- State Senator George D. Hammond of Westfield said today there is "a heartening groundswell" of support for his legislation which would limit the authority of the Massachusetts Outdoor Advertising Board "but to be effective the groundswell must become a clamor that will be heard in Boston."

Senator Hammond's bill would take final authority for highway billboard installations away from the Outdoor Advertising Board and "place that authority with the Commonwealth's cities and towns where it belongs."

"My file on the billboard legislation is one of the thickest files in my office," Senator Hammond said. "Almost every mail brings new expressions of support for my bill, which would prevent the Outdoor Advertising Board from granting a permit for the erection of a billboard or a sign without the prior approval of the city or town in which the billboard was to be erected. At the present time the state board may grant the permit regardless of the wishes of the city or town, and it does this with flagrant disregard for the communities."

The Hampden-Berkshire District legislator noted that support for his legislation has come from many quarters: the Hampden

County Selectmen's Association, the Massachusetts Roadside Council, the boards of selectmen of such communities as West Springfield, East Longmeadow, Amherst, Agawam, Hadley and Sandisfield, the Northampton City Council and several community conservation commissions. "Dozens of other organizations and individuals have expressed indignation in the high-handedness of the Outdoor Advertising Board," he said.

Senator Hammond said "the fact still remains that letters of support for my legislation are needed, sent to state senators and representatives throughout the area, if we are to obtain any action."

"The course of my bill, originally Senate 524, thus far is a good indication of the need for citizen support," he said.

"Earlier this year the bill became a resolve for study, known as House 4392. Since it was then a new bill, it became necessary to refer it to the Joint Rules Committee."

"I hope to get the bill out of the Joint Rules Committee, which will require the approval of 26 members, and get the bill into the floor of the Senate where it may be defeated in the equally

"Opponents of the bill are resorting to what I consider devious parliamentary procedures to have it defeated again this year. For this reason, the people need to make their feelings known, and to fight in behalf of achieving this important home rule legislation."

Agawam High Band Will Leave On Annual Exchange Trip

The Agawam High Band will leave for Rockland, Mass. on Friday afternoon for the first portion of the annual Band Exchange program. Band members will be the guests of the Rockland High Band for the week-end which will see a concert by both bands, separately and combined, on Saturday evening at Rockland High School.

The Rockland Band will return the visit and be the guests of the Agawam Bandsmen on April 28-30.

The week-end activities will include several rehearsal periods for the combined bands, a social and dance on Friday evening, a trip to the Boston Science Museum on Sat. afternoon in addition to the concert program.

The Agawam High Dance Band will provide part of the music for the dance; also a number of band members who were in the cast of "Oklahoma" will present skits for the benefit of their Rockland hosts.

The band will return on Sunday afternoon with an arrival back at the high school expected around 5 o'clock.

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A Letter From The Westfield River Watershed Ass'n.

To the Division of
Water Pollution Control,
Massachusetts Water
Resource Commission
Gentlemen:

The Westfield River Watershed Association submits herewith its views regarding water quality standards to be established for the Westfield River and its tributaries, these taking into consideration the following:

1. Approximately one-third of a million people now depend upon water from this valley for their household needs;

2. Projected population and economic growth in much of the lower Pioneer Valley promises to stimulate greater demands upon water within this valley;

3. Intensive multiple use of

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all the valley's water resources is essential if we are to satisfy the wide range of present and projected demands upon them;

4. Water quality in the main river and some of its tributaries is below standards necessary to sustain a healthy fish and wild life environment, full realization of the river's recreational potential and its aesthetic contribution to the valley -- and the Commonwealth;

5. Solid waste disposal areas are contributing increasingly to water pollution;

6. Wide seasonal fluctuation in stream flow create the equivalent of a "pollution" problem.

Principally for the conditions enumerated above, we propose that:

A. The classification of streams feeding water supply impoundments be no higher than "B"; that municipal reservoirs and their immediate environs be open to hunting and fishing, with fees that will provide for adequate policing. We base this proposal upon the fact, long since established, that waters of "B" and substantially lower classifications can be and are being sat-

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isfactorily conditioned for human consumption; and on predictions being made that, by the end of this century, lower Pioneer Valley communities will be taking water from the Connecticut River. It is unrealistic to assume that entire watersheds devoted to municipal water supply can continue to be completely sealed off for this single use -- to the detriment of communities within these watersheds.

B. Classifications established for the river and its tributaries provide the best possible environment for fish and wild life and water-related recreation that can be reasonably attained and consistently maintained. We favor an eventual "B" classification if and when such a quality standard can be reasonably and consistently maintained.

C. The Division support the development of those projects which will contribute to more uniform stream flow in the river and its tributaries. While we recognize that present degrees of pollution are seriously detrimental to fish and wild life propagation, recreational use and aesthetic qualities, the "trickle" which characterizes flow during many weeks of the year is equally detrimental.

D. The Division and other interested agencies encourage municipalities, industries and other contributors to water pollution to explore possibilities for collecting, treating and disposing of pollutants on a "regional" or "district" basis -- for more complete elimination of pollutants and greater economy in the construction, maintenance and operation of such facilities.

The Westfield River Watershed Association shares with others the hope that the decisions of public agencies responsible for water quality control will result in a river which will

GLIMPSES OF GARDENING

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Blooms of Blue Danube may reach 2½ inches in diameter and are borne freely on compact plants 10 to 12 inches high. To allow for full development of each individual, plants should be spaced 15 to 18 inches apart.

Valentine is the name of the second new double Grandiflora Petunia, and what a honey it is! Imagine rounded, many-petaled, 3 inch diameter, dark red blooms with salmon undertones, so bright and cheerful in color that you'll want one in your buttonhole to start the day right.

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Both of the double-flowered Grandiflora hybrid Petunias described above flower best when grown in full sun. Both are adaptable and may be used equally well in pots, in planters, or window boxes, or in beds and borders. Both should adorn your 1967 garden.

effectively serve all those who have an interest in it.

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One hundred sixty undergraduates at American International College have attained dean's list status for the first semester, according to Academic Dean Dr. John F. Mitchell. This list includes students from 10 states

and 2 foreign countries.

Dr. Mitchell noted that AIC dean's list system is based on the upper 10 per cent of each class in liberal arts and the school of business administration.

Among students from the Agawam area on the AIC dean's list are: Michael F. Marieb, 9 Mooreland St., Feeding Hills.

From Agawam: Janet L. DeMont, 90 Albert St.; David P. English, 42 Roberta Cir.; Peter Thomas Egan, 27 Wilson St.; Bruce W. Jozefiak, 64 Simpson Cir.; and Jean M. Newman, 194 School St.

Legal Notices**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Hampden ss Probate Court
To all persons interested in the estate of EMILY POWERS late of Agawam, in said County, deceased,

A petition has been presented to said Court, praying that FRANCIS J. POWERS of said Agawam, be appointed administrator of said estate without giving a surety on his bond.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield, in the County of Hampden, before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the fourteenth day of April 1967, the return day of this citation.

Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this thirteenth day of March 1967.

JOHN J. LYONS, Register
March 23, 30, April 6

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden ss PROBATE COURT

To all persons interested in the trust estate under the will of SOLOMON FREDERICK CUSHMAN, otherwise SOLOMON F. CUSHMAN or S. FREDERICK CUSHMAN or S. F. CUSHMAN late of Agawam in said County, deceased, for the benefit of ALICE J. CUSHMAN and others under the third clause of said will.

The trustee of said estate has presented to said Court for allowance its twelfth account.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twenty-eighth day of April 1967, the return day of this citation.

Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixteenth day of March 1967.

JOHN J. LYONS, Register
March 30, April 6, 13.

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GRANGER SCHOOL

MON: juice, frank. on but. bun, rel. & must. pot. stix, pick. beets, sp. cake. TUES: beef stew w/veg., b&b, pecanbrown, or. wed. WED: juice, bkd. link saus., cat., pars. pot., but. car., Vien. b&b, jel. w/wh. top. THURS: hamb. gry., mash. pot., wh. kern. corn, strawbry shtcake w/top. FRI: bkd. bns., cat., fish cakes, cab. & car sal., fudge., pean. but. sand.

PEIRCE SCHOOL

MON: cit. fr. juice, meat balls in tom. sau., st. rice, but. car., b&b, pean. but. ice box cook. TUES: open face beef sand. w/br. gry. but. broc., ap.-cranb. sau., peach. WED: or. juice, bkd. bol-ony, hash br. pot., Harv. beets, b&b, fr. cup. THURS: spag. w/meat & tom. sau., but. gr. bns., but. Vien. br., ch. cube. tut. fruit. pud. FRI: oven fried fish cake, kern. corn, car. stix, ch. or pean. but. sand., dessert.

DANAHY SCHOOL

MON: or. juice, frank. & roll w/rel. & must., cole slaw w/car., ap.sau. cake w/top. TUES: Chin. pie - hamb., corn, pot., b&b, cit. fr. cup. WED: chick. nood. soup w/vege., sl. meat sand. or pean. but. & jel. sand., car. stix, fresh fr. THURS: Ital. spag. w/meat & tom. sau., but. gr. bns., ch. wed. b&b, sl. peach. FRI: mash. pot., oven fried fish stix w/tar. sau., tos. sal. w/tom. & spin. grn., b&b, cake square.

SO. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MON: Slop, Joes on hd. but. roll, ch. stix, ABC sal., fr. cup. TUES: cit. juice, beef w/gry. on mash. pot., but. car., ap. crumb pud. w/top. WED: or. juice, home-made beef stew w/vege., crack., cel. stix, pean. but. w/hon. on rye, fresh bana. THURS: cit. juice, cold cut grind. w/let. & ch. mix, vege., gl. sw. pot., or. cake w/frost. FRI: bkd. mac. w/ch. sau., tos. gr. sal., but. Vien. br., cit. fr. cup.

ROBINSON PARK SCHOOL

MON: cit. juice, frank. on but. roll, must. & rel., but. car., strawbry. shtcake. TUES: elb. mac. w/meat & tom. sau., cab. & car. sal. b&b, sl. pears. WED: soup w/rice, cel. & car. stix, ham sand., pean. but. sand., fresh fr. w/cook. THURS: or. juice, Slop. Joe on hamb. roll, but. gr. bns., ging.br. w/ap.sau. top. FRI: oven bkd. fish stix, cat., mash. pot., but. peas, pean. but. on rye br., cit. fruit.

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

MON: juice, Slop. Joe on bun, but. corn, prune sp. cake. TUES: frank. on roll, homemade bkd. bns., cab. & car. sal. oatmeal cook, pineap. chunks. WED: meat loaf, mash. pot., but. broc., jel. w/top., b&b. THURS: juice, hamb. on bun, cand. sw. pot., grapefr. sec., oatmeal cook., pean. but. sand. FRI: juice, gr. ch. sand., pot. chips, but. car., pean. but. cook., sl. peaches.

HIGH SCHOOL

MON: or. juice, ch.burg., pot. chips, but. gr. bns., must., rel. & cat., pean. but. sand., choc. cake w/but. icing. TUES: gr. ham w/pineap., pars. pot., ap.sau., rye b&b, choc. pud. w/top. WED: or. juice, bolog. sand. on water roll, cand. sw. pot., but. corn. pean. but. sand., raspb. pie sq. THURS: roast beef in gry., mash. pot., but. spin., hot date muf., jel. w/top. FRI: or. juice, piz., gar. sal. w/spin. grn., pean. but. sand., ap. upside down cake w/top. MILK SERVED WITH ALL MEALS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We would like to take this opportunity to commend your newspaper for the excellent coverage extended to the Third Annual Poison Prevention Week Program (March 20-25) sponsored by the Massachusetts State Pharmaceutical Association.

The public service program proved highly successful in alerting thousands of parents to the many dangers of medications and household products that have caused countless numbers of accidental poisonings, especially among young children.

More than 500 members of the Mass. State Pharmaceutical Association participated in the program and distributed to their patrons over 50,000 one-ounce bottles of Syrup of Ipecac, a special formula that induces vomiting and has proven effective as an anti-poisoning medication.

Dr. Joel Alpert, executive director of the Boston Poison Information and Control Center, who performed a major role in the success of the Poison Prevention Week program, advocates the need for a supply of Ipecac in every home that has young children.

Billions of dollars are spent annually in research to combat the many diseases that plague the young of our country and the world but little is expended to secure safeguards against accidental poisonings.

Experts claim that a million children will be treated for accidental poisonings this year ... and, 600 will die, a larger number of deaths than all childhood diseases combined. CAUTION IS THE KEY TO A POISON PROOF HOME.

Although the official Poison Prevention Week program has ended, we have urged all members of our association to continue the education program throughout the year, stressing upon their patrons the shocking statistics and the need to poison proof their homes.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the health agencies that participated in the

third annual program ... the most successful thus far.

Thanking you
William F. Shaffer, Pres.
George Narinian, Chairman



WAYNE B. FARRELL

Air Force Picks Farrell For Technical Training

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. - Airman Wayne B. Farrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Evans K. Farrell of 16 Highland Avenue, has been selected for technical training at Sheppard AFB, Texas, as a U.S. Air Force aircraft maintenance specialist.

The airman recently completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas. His new school is part of the Air Training Command which conducts hundreds of specialized courses to provide technically trained personnel for the nation's aerospace force.

Airman Farrell is a 1966 graduate of Agawam High School.

Benjamin Phelps Scholarship Tag Days April 12, 13, 14

Mr. David Skolnick, president of the Agawam PTA Council, announces the Annual Benjamin Phelps Scholarship Tag Days this year will be April 12th, 13th and 14th.

Last year the generous people of our community contributed enough money to give thirteen scholarships of \$100 each to worthy graduating students who plan to further their education.

On Wednesday evening, April 12th, the children from the Agawam Junior High School will solicit contributions from as many homes as possible. Please be generous when they knock on your door.

This year the scholarship chairman is Mrs. Mary K. Labun. Mrs. Zoafia Demko will serve as co-chairman for the scholarship drive.

Lots of Burglaries

NEW YORK—Noting that a burglary occurs every 46 seconds in the United States, the Insurance Information Institute says many of these could be avoided if homeowners would lock their windows and doors and take a few other simple precautions.

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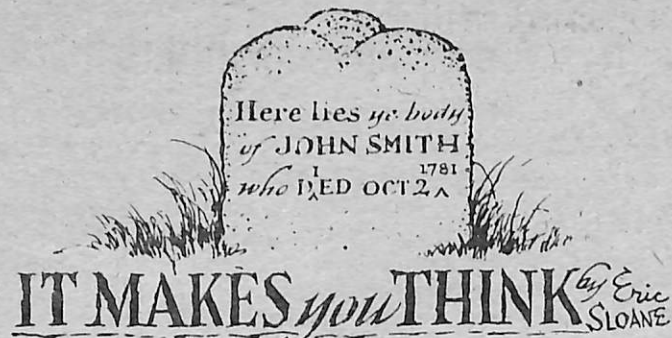
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People often wonder what made some of the early workmanship have that strange and almost indescribable charm. And very often, it came from an intentional variation from the monotony of regularity and conformity. We usually describe a chair or a house that isn't entirely squared, or a tombstone that has unequal-sized letters, as being "quaint."

Well, I have news for you: the designer wasn't trying to be quaint. He was exercising the same freedom of individual creation that a painter does, when he improvises and paints a bit more or less than he actually sees.

I have often been astounded at some of the early tombstones that are magnificently carved with breathtakingly beautiful lettering, only to find at the end of a line of words, that there wasn't enough room for the last letter. Then with a tiny caret, the letter was added looking very much like a mistake. Or sometimes a fine piece of old workmanship will be signed and dated with letters and numbers of varying sizes and degrees of stability. Some say the maker was drunk, some say they just didn't care. I say they bordered on genius and knew the rare value of being different.

When you see one of those ancient floors made up of wide boards, you feel a sense of beauty that is hard to match. I know of people who had wide boards milled to order, and when they were laid, there was still something missing. I told them that they should have had the boards sawed irregularly, with one end narrower than the other. That is how the old floors were done.

I remember an old-timer who helped me build a house and I wish I had copied down a lot of the things he said. He thought the way people used to think and at the time I didn't understand; but now that I am wiser and older, I often hark back and remember how sensible old Bert was.

Once I called Bert down for putting up a door in the most unorthodox manner. Instead of constructing a door frame and then making a door to fit it, he nailed a door in place and built the frame around it. You won't hear of anyone doing that nowadays, but you will know how hard it is to fit a door to a frame; it takes many times of putting up and taking down, planning and cutting. The old way of building a frame around a door eliminates all of that. "I never heard of anyone making a frame to fit a door," I said. "You don't paint a picture to fit a frame do you?" he replied. And that stopped me.

Then one time I found a room two inches wider on one side than it was on the other. "It's all wrong!" I roared. "How can you have a room not squared?" "Well, my left arm is a half inch shorter than my right arm," Bert said, "but I work harder than most folks with equally lengthed arms."

And so almost half a century later when I built a studio, I enjoyed building a frame around a door and leaving the framework of the building a couple of inches out of whack. My helper thought this was poor workmanship, but maybe my building will outlast the average "ranch house" dwelling. If you don't believe it, just measure the both ends of any ancient piece of wide flooring and you will be surprised to find as much as an inch or more difference.

"But you just don't do that sort of thing," my friends said, "you just don't order planks that haven't parallel sides."

Actually, the old-timers were saving lumber as well as getting a sense of pleasing design, because the tree trunk itself is narrower with heighth. But as Bert once told me when I asked him, "Why in the world would you do such a thing?" The stumping reply was "Why not?"

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American Legion Auxiliary

By MRS. GLADYS CATCHEPAUGH

OPERATION - HELPING HAND

"The American Legion Auxiliary-Care Program, 'Operation - Helping Hand,' has announced the completion of its first school building in the Philippines," said Mrs. Belle Russell, foreign relations chairman of Unit 185 of The American Legion Auxiliary.

"This school is about a one-hour drive from Manila in Barrio Malinta. Approximately 300 people or fifty families live there with over half of them engaged in farming. All are 'poor families,' barely eking out an existence. There was no school for their children to attend," Mrs. Russell explained. "So this will be a welcome addition to the area. Other schools will be built this year with the help of The American Legion Auxiliary's pennies. We hope to have a building in the provinces of Rizal, Cavite, Tarlac, Batangas, Cotabato, Lloilo, Nueva, Ecija and Mountain Province. There are 6-1/2 million school age children scattered over the 7,000 islands that make up the Republic so the schools are certainly needed.

"The schools will vary in size and costs will range from \$1,000 to \$3,000. The American Legion Auxiliary Departments contributing sufficient funds to build a school will have a commemorative plaque unveiled at the opening ceremonies."

Each year in our foreign relations program The American Legion Auxiliary members study the history and customs of a foreign country. This is our second year to "lend a helping hand" to the Philippines and we are proud of the fact that by increasing their membership in the Auxiliary, they are now an official Department and the National President, Mrs. A.J. Ryan, Sr., will present them with their charter while she is there in her official visit this month.

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UNIT NOTES

A group of 185 members will attend the County Banquet on April 22 at Tonelli's Little River Inn in Westfield to honor County Director Frances Ayles and her County officers.

Agawam Juniors are planning a mother-daughter banquet to be held in the Legion Home on April 30th. It is hoped that mothers of the Junior Auxiliary members will plan to attend.

The next regular meeting of the Wilson-Thompson Unit 185 will be held on April 17th. Plans will then be announced for the annual Poppy Sale and members are asked to volunteer for this service.

BIRTHDAYS ON RECORD FOR April:

Gladys Gillan - April 9th; Sherry Dearborn - April 26th.

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES:

Adah and George Blood - April 19th.

Les and Julia Moore - April 17th.

HAPPY DAYS AND YEARS TO ALL OF THEM.

St. Anthony Soc. Smorgasbord And Dance Sat., April 8

St. Anthony Society and Auxiliary are sponsoring a Smorgasbord and Dance for the benefit of the Building Fund, Saturday evening, April 8, 1967, 6:30 o'clock at St. Anthony Society Hall, 646 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, Mass.

Honorary chairmen are Rose Baevich, president of the women's Auxiliary, and Aldo Lombardi, president of the St. Anthony Society. Ticket co-chairmen are Pearl Bonfitto and Albert Christopher. Tickets may be purchased also from the following members: Kitty Mercadante, Philomena Mercadante, Rose Buoniconti, Esther DePalo, Jack Chriscola, Nick Buoniconti and Paul D'Amato.

WNEC Eve Division Dean's List

SPRINGFIELD - Sixty-five Western New England College evening division students, including 3 from Agawam and 1 from Feeding Hills, have been named to the first semester Dean's List

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Anti-Defamation League

Sponsoring Radio Broadcasts

A special series of 15-minute radio broadcasts dealing with the role of the radical right in our society will be presented over WACE - Chicopee beginning this week. The B'nai B'rith organization in Springfield is the sponsoring group. The programs were produced by the Anti-Defamation League, educational arm of the B'nai B'rith.

Two programs a week will be broadcast by WACE on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:15 p.m. The first broadcast of this series known as "Matters of Fact" was broadcast on Tuesday, April 4. The second in the series which is entitled "Matters of Fact About Civil Rights" and features Roy Wilkins, Executive Director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, will be broadcast Thursday, April 6. This program explores the civil rights movement and attacks the Radical Right theory that it is "communist inspired."

The Anti-Defamation League which produced this series has exposed bigotry and extremism for half a century. Its "Matters of Fact" series which will be broadcast by WACE has been hailed as a public service. The series has already appeared on more than 500 radio stations in the United States. The programs feature spokesmen from organizations representing religious, social, civic and educational institutions. Eli Wallach, noted stage and screen star, is the narrator of five of the broadcasts and Robert Ryan, the well-known screen actor, acts as the moderator in six of the broadcasts.

In announcing the presentation of the eleven programs on WACE, Elliot Allen of Longmeadow, ADL



MOONEYAN FIELD

AMHERST, Mass. - The University of Massachusetts Operetta Guild will present the Broadway musical "Wonderful Town," April 7, 8, 13, 14 and 15 at Bowker Auditorium.

In the chorus is Moonyean Field, freshman, of 62 N. Alhambra Circle.

Chairman of the Springfield B'nai B'rith, and Julius Popkin of Springfield, chairman of the Western Massachusetts Area Committee of the New England Regional Board of ADL, pointed out that an ever-increasing number of Americans are expressing deep concern over the divisive role of the Radical Right in our society. They pointed out that the Anti-Defamation League has published outstanding expose-reports revealing that organizations comprising the Radical Right have challenged the patriotism of Presidents, called for the impeachment of the Supreme Court Chief Justice, labeled government welfare programs as a threat to the United States, and cast suspicion on the civil rights movement. In these reports the ADL charged that the Radical Right has spread distrust and fear of the very institutions which have made America great.

"Matters of Fact" answers many of the charges of the Radical Right and features outstanding spokesmen in the fields of education, the clergy and civic organizations. The programs will be heard on WACE on the following dates: April 6, "Matters of Fact About Civil Rights"; April 11, "Matters of Fact About 2-Party System"; April 13, "Matters of Fact About The Catholic Church"; April 18, "Matters of Fact About The U.N."; April 20, "Matters of Fact About The Radical Right"; April 23, "Matters of Fact About The National Council of Churches"; April 27, "Matters of Fact About The Conservative Tradition, Part I"; May 2, "Matters of Fact About The Conservative Tradition, Part II"; May 4, "Matters of Fact About The PTA Organization, Part I"; May 9, "Matters of Fact About The PTA Organization, Part II."

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